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Hi Everyone,

I hope everybody is well and enjoying the change to the fall season. As I am writing this message, one of my favourite holidays, Thanksgiving, has just occurred. We all have our own understanding of it and what it means to everyone. For me it is a time to share a bountiful meal with family and friends. It is also a time to catch up with everyone and give thanks for good health and family.

Thanksgiving is also a time you think back on how you got to meet friends and family. That got me thinking, as your newly minted President, on how I have met many new friends by being a member of CAWMC. We all know fellow members, but do we know the history on how they got started collecting wooden money and what areas they collect.

So, I was wondering on the best way that we could get to know more about each other and came up with why don't we give members each month the opportunity to introduce themselves and talk about what areas of wooden money they collect?

I think this would be a great way to learn more about each other and help fellow members with their collections so, next month I will start it off.

Wishing you all a good Remembrance Day, when we can reflect on and recognize the sacrifice some made so that we can all enjoy our best possible life.

Stay safe and healthy!!

James

Featured Wood of the Month

Only one team, outside the U.S.A., has ever won Major League Baseball's World Series Championship, and that team is the Toronto Blue Jays. The 1992 Canadian Blue Jays team was the first team ever to have appeared in, and won a world series in which games were played outside the U.S.A. The team won it again in 1993.

The Blue Jays won the 1992 89th edition of the World Series defeating the Atlanta Braves in six games. The Jays lost game one 3-1. They won the next three games 5-4, 3-2, and 2-1. They lost game five 7-2 and won game six 4-3 in eleven innings on Oct.24th, 1992. Blue Jay's catcher Pat Borders was the most valuable player in that series.

To get to the World Series the Jays (manager Cito Gaston) had defeated the Oakland Athletics 4 games to 2 while the Atlanta Braves (manager Bobby Cox) had beaten the Pittsburgh Pirates 4 games to 3.

This 38 mm wood, recently discovered and never before issued or listed in our 'wood' catalogue, recognizes that 1992 accomplishment. The Blue Jay logo side is blue in colour and the flag side all red.

Ross

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Chips from the Woodpile …By Dave Gillespie

In the Fall of 2005 the Atlantic Provinces Wooden Money Association through its Treasurer, Dave Taylor with great sadness informed C.A.W.M.C. President Norm Belsten that the Maritime Association was disbanding as there was very little activity for a once very active group of wooden money collectors, aging members was also a factor and the illness of one of the driving members Glenn Rodgers. A decision was made at the Association's last official meeting to close the bank account. The monies on account were gifted to the A.P.N.A. and a generous One Thousand Dollars to C.A.W.M.C.

Al Munro in his President's message reported on the successful 2006 Convention held in Niagara Falls, Ontario. There was a good attendance at the Breakfast meeting and the annual auction was hugely success largely due to a donation of two sets of signed woods by Larry White along with fourteen sets of hand painted butterfly woods by Carolyn Gillespie. The 50/50 draw was also well supported and the Association realized almost $500.00.

The membership of C.A.W.M.C. to start 2007 was published at 97.

I haven't referred to the passing of previous members of the hobby, although published in Timber Talk, simply because I do not want to miss or offend anyone with these articles of the past. Having said that, it is fair to say that Glen Rodgers was instrumental in both the Ottawa Coin Club and the Atlantic Provinces Wooden Money Association. Sadly, Glenn died on March 5th, 2007 but during his lifetime the Atlantic Provinces Wooden Money Association thrived as he served as President, Secretary and Editor of the newsletter.

As a lot of you will remember, Canada Wide Woods for a number of years operated out of Gadshill, Ontario near Stratford under the ownership of Larry Walker and Bill Cousins and they issued a wooden series at least once a year consisting of about twenty woods that had been produced for clients and with their permission were put together in "Series" for collectors to buy as they might not have a chance to collect them otherwise. One of the interesting and touching wooden flats made by Larry Walker was subsequently donated to C.A.W.M.C. as a "Free Wood of the Month" and is listed in the Canadian catalogue as number 5876-221. Larry Walker was involved with Health & Safety at Stratford Plastics Components, a maker of parts for Honda. I believe that the content of this wood is worthy of being including in "Chips" and shared and it sends a message to be proactive every day.

The obverse reads: "All The Best, Larry" and the reverse is entitled:

<u>"I Chose To Look The Other Way"</u>

I could have saved a life that day,
But I chose to look the other way,
It wasn't that I didn't care,
I had the time and I was there,
But I didn't want to seem a fool,
Or argue about a safety rule.
I knew he'd done the job before,
If I called it wrong, he might be sore.
The chances didn't seem that bad,
I've done the same, I knew I had.
So, I shook my head and walked on by,
He knew the risks as well as I.
He took a chance, I closed my eye,
And with that act, I let him die.
I could have saved a life that day,
But I chose to look the other way.
Now every time I see his wife,
I'll know I should have saved his life.
That guilt is something I must bear,
But it isn't something you need share.
If you see a risk that others take,

That puts their health or life at stake.

The question asked, or thing to say,

Could help them live another day.

If you see a risk and walk away,

Then hope you never have to say,

I could have saved a life that day,

But I chose to look the other way.

Thank You, Larry for the donation of this wood to C.A.W.M.C. and

hopefully by sharing this story it continues to send out a lasting message.

***AND now for a quiz question**:*

In what town is The Hotel Hamilton located? And in what year
did the owners issue a wooden nickel?

'Til next time …… Let the Chips lie where they fall. Dave Gillespie

Answer to the quiz question of October 2021

Q. Who in 1960 owned and issued wooden nickels for the Imperial Hotel, Swift Current, Saskatchewan?

A. Ernie Vogel, 5000 woods issued - # 7900-002

A wooden token which may not be what it suggests.

By Yvon Marquis.

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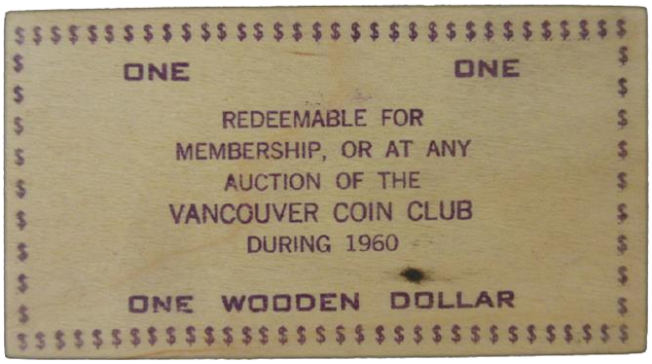
This wooden token comes from the collection of Boris Maltais, a Québec City collector, who died in 1988. Apparently, Boris found it during his research in cellars and attics of Old Québec in the early 1980s while searching of ancient objects related to the history of Québec. It is a token measuring 31 mm in diameter and is 6 mm thick with a raw edge (not sanded). At first glance, one would think it was a token issued in St-Denis in the name of the Banque du Peuple in 1837. It will be remembered that in 1837, St-Denis was the fortified command center of certain Patriots including Doctor Wilfred Nelson who at the time issued notes to support the cause, notes identified at the St-Denis Distillery. But when you take a closer look, this token raises a few questions. Why issue a "wooden" token in 1837? And the type of engraving seems too "modern" to go back to that time. In addition, the inscriptions on the back "UN ECV" also raise questions. Why aren't they the same type as the ones on the other side of the token? Why are they punched (not printed)? Why is the U of the word UN a regular U while that of the word ECV has the shape of a V? And why "Un ECU" when at the time it was the SOU that circulated here? Finally, I contacted an expert in dating objects. According to him, the finish and texture of the wood looks much more like an item from the mid-twentieth century rather than an item from the previous century. It therefore seems to be a contemporary item that could date back to the 1940s-1960s. The fact remains that this token arouses a particular interest which justifies trying to find out a little more about its origin. Who issued it? Why? How many were issued? Could one of our readers tell us more about this token? If so, send us your information which we will publish in a future edition.

Woods of the World *by Vic Agha*

Plywood---Continued

A number of cities and businesses in Oregon and Washington issued wooden money during the depression years. This one, issued by the Hoquiam Chamber of Commerce, is a large (79 mm) $1 plywood coin that was silvered and is very rare.



Various American municipal trade tokens bar tokens are also made of plywood. Canadian coin clubs, including the Victoria Numismatic Society and Vancouver Coin Club, have issued plywood advertising and trade dollars as well.

Poplar. Certain Canadian woods have been issued in poplar wood. Perhaps the best-known of these were issued for Punnichy, Saskatchewan by Wilf Latta. He issued both plywood and poplar wood tokens for fundraising purposes. The poplar woods still had bark on them.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

I / We wish to **JOIN** or **RENEW** my membership in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC). **Annual Dues are due before January 1st of 2022:**

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